control measures, implying a cut in the advance release of States' share in Central taxes during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of advance funds likely to be cut, State-wise;

(c) what is the extent to which it will reduce the fiscal deficit; and

(d) what other measures are proposed in the post budget era to impose a strict control on the Central expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Strict control on Government expenditure is a continuous exercise and instructions in this regard are issued to all the Ministries/Departments of the Governments of India from time to time. Recently the Government of India have taken some initiatives to reduce Government spending by way of reduction in the number of posts, reduction in travel expenditure by Government employees and by way of reduction of telephones on Government account.

Golden Angle Scheme to Improve Tourism

*215. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to start a golden angle scheme for connecting several places to improve tourism; and

(b) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government. However, in order to further develop the tourism sector, 15 circuits and areas have been identified for intensive development.

For this purpose, surveys have been commissioned to assess the infrastructural requirements at these places.

Closure of Badarpur Thermal Power Statio

*216. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Badarpur Thermal Power Station is on the verge of closure as it has no money to buy coal;

(b) if so, what are the factors leading to such a situation; and

(c) what measures are being contemplated by Government to ensure the smooth running of this major power house?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) is facing problems in meeting its operational expenditure, including payments for coal supplies, railway freight etc. due to the inability of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) to make payments for the purchase of power from BTPS. Delhi Administration/DESU have been requested to mobilise necessary resources and make payments to BTPS for its smooth operation.

ओखला, दिल्ली में स्थानीय सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन घर

*217. **मौलाना ओबेदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) ओखला और इसके आसपास दिल्ली में कितने स्थानीय सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन घर हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ओखला गांव और इसके आसपास स्थानीय सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन घरों की संख्या अपर्याप्त है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) (क) ओखला टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज